

(C) Remarks

Claims 30 - 36 are amended in a manner believed to overcome the double patenting rejection. It is noted for the record, that claim 29 should not be included in this rejection. Independent claims 1, 10 and 24 are currently amended to provide claim recitations consistent with applicants remarks in the previous amendment for distinguishing parent claims 1, 10 and 24 over the prior art and reconsideration is respectfully. Applicants' respectfully point out that merely relocating the rotational axis of the gripper conveyor of Rudolph or Strutz to a 45-degree angle, for example, will result inoperativeness of the gripper conveyor because the workpiece cannot be simply rotated between the decorator conveyor and the supply/discharge conveyor. In Strutz and Rudolph, the workpieces must rotate in the plane of the supply and discharge conveyors to prevent destructive impact with the conveyors because the workpiece must be rotated horizontally from/onto the conveyors. Such impact will necessarily occur should the gripper conveyor rotate about an inclined axis that is acute to both the decorator conveyor and the supply/discharge conveyor. Accordingly, it is believed that this application is not condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. In the event the Examiner believes a telephone interview will further the prosecution he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 412-366-6200.

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